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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1 – 22 are pending in this Office action.

Specification

2. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities:
Examiner is requesting to provide Cross-References to Related Applications by amending the paragraph.

Appropriate correction is requested.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:
The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.
Claims 1 and 17 recite the limitation "managing items" on page 9, lines 5 and 6, page 10, line 36 and page 11, lines 1 and 2, respectively. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

Claims 1 – 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Number 6,141,660 issued to Mark Bach et al. ("Bach") and in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication Number 20030051008 issued to Scott Gorthy et al. ("Gorthy").

With respect to claim 1, Bach teaches a method in an electronic device interfaced with a network (see Figure 1) comprising:

running a management application on the electronic device for managing items (column 17, lines 3 – 5); and

receiving a request at the management application from a web browser client (column 17, lines 3 – 5).

Bach teaches batch processing command or run script, browser request and command line interface as claimed in the claim limitation. However, Bach does not explicitly teach translating the request into one or more command line interface (CLI) command as claimed.

Gorthy teaches claimed translating the request into one or more command line interface (CLI) commands (see Figure 8, page 2, paragraph [0034] and page 4, paragraph [0052]).

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to combine Bach with Gorthy because, when given a command in XML format, the command information in the configuration schema can be used to reformat the XML-based command into a proper CLI format. Once reformatted into a CLI format, the command can be pushed out to the appropriate router. Thus, a system administrator could configure such a router without knowing the specifics of the CLI.

As to claim 2, storing the CLI commands that result from the translating (see paragraph [0034]; Gorthy).

As to claim 3, forwarding the CLI commands that result from the translating to a CLI client (see paragraph [0050]; Gorthy).

As to claim 4, the electronic device includes a display and wherein the CLI commands that result from the translating are output on the display (column 15, lines 10 – 12 and Figure 6L; Bach).

The subject matter of claim 5 is rejected in the analysis above in claim 1 and this claim is rejected on that basis.

As to claim 6, storing the CLI commands resulting from the translating of the additional requests in a script (page 2, paragraphs [0034, 0035] and page 3, paragraph 0050]; Gorthy).

As to claim 7, executing the script (column 17, lines 54 – 55; Bach).

As to claim 8, responding to the request independently of the translating (Column 5, lines 37 – 45; Bach).

The subject matters of claim 9 are rejected in the analysis above in claim 1 and this claim is rejected on that basis.

As to claim 10, the management application manages items in a storage area network (SAN) (Figure 1; Bach and Figures 5 and 6; Gorthy).

Claims 11 – 14 are essentially the same as claims 1 – 10 except that they set forth the claimed invention as a method on a web server rather than a method in an electronic device interfaced with a network. Since each and every limitation of claims 11 – 14 has been addressed above in the rejection of claims 1 – 10, claims 11 – 14 are rejected for the same reasons as applied to claims 1 – 10 hereinabove.

Claims 15 – 16 are essentially the same as claims 1 – 10 except that they set forth the claimed invention as an electronic device rather than a method in an electronic device interfaced with a network. Since each and every limitation of claims 15 – 16 has been addressed above in the rejection of claims 1 – 10, claims 15 – 16 are rejected for the same reasons as applied to claims 1 – 10 hereinabove.


Claims 17 – 22 are essentially the same as claims 1 – 10 except that they set forth the claimed invention as a medium rather than a method in an electronic device interfaced with a network. Since each and every limitation of claims 17 – 22 has been addressed above in the rejection of claims 1 – 10, claims 17 – 22 are rejected for the same reasons as applied to claims 1 – 10 hereinabove.

Contact Information

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shahid Al Alam whose telephone number is (703) 305-2358. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John E Breene can be reached on (703) 305-9790. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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